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SUBJ: DISMISSAL OF INFORMATION MINISTER

1. AIDE TO PRIME MINISTER ARIAS NARARRO HAS CONFIRMED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR STILL UNPUBLISHED REPORT NOW CIRCULATING AMONG FOREIGN PRESS COMMUNITY THAT INFORMATION MINISTER PIO CABANILLAS HAS BEEN DISMISSED FROM CABINET AND WILL BE REPLACED BY LEON HERRERA ESTEBAN, WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

2. PRESIDENTIAL AIDE STATES CABANILLAS' REMOVAL DONE AT DIRECT BEHEST OF FRANCO, OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS OF MOST OF CABINET, AND THAT NO OTHER CABINET CHANGES ARE CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. SOURCES STRONGLY IMPLY THAT FRANCO HAD BEEN CONVINCED TO SACRIFICE CABANILLAS, WHO IS IDENTIFIED WITH CURRENT CONTROVERSIAL AND UNPRECEDENTED PRESS FREEDOM IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUED PRESSURES FROM RIGHT.

3. HERRERA IS CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAS HELD DIRECTORATES GENERAL IN MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND INFORMATION. HE IS AMONG POLITICAL AND ASSOCIATES OF FORMER INFORMATION MINISTER MANUEL FRAGA IRIBARNE AND IS GENERALLY VIEWED AS MODERATE. RIVERO

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